



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5258***

LCO No. 1188

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT PERMITTING THE POSSESSION OF REINDEER YEAR ROUND.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 26-57a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

3 Any person may [import one or more] possess reindeer [into] in the  
4 state [during the period commencing on Thanksgiving Day of each] on  
5 any day of the year, [and ending on the immediately following New  
6 Year's Day, provided (1) any reindeer so imported is subsequently  
7 exported from the state no later than a week following the end of such  
8 period, and (2) such importation] provided such possession complies  
9 with the following requirements: Each reindeer so [imported (A)]  
10 possessed (1) is individually identified by a permanent metal ear tag,  
11 legible tattoo or microchip, [(B)] (2) possesses a certified veterinary  
12 report of inspection documenting an inspection that occurred at least  
13 one day and not more than thirty days after such reindeer was born in  
14 the state or at least one day and not more than thirty days prior to  
15 entry into the state, [(C)] (3) possesses documentation that verifies such  
16 reindeer [(i)] (A) was born from or comes from a herd that is free of

17 both tuberculosis and brucellosis, or [(ii)] (B) tested negative for  
18 tuberculosis and brucellosis at least one day and not more than thirty  
19 days after its birth in the state or prior to its entry into the state, and  
20 [(D)] (4) possesses documentation that the originating herd  
21 participated in a state chronic wasting disease monitoring program  
22 [(i)] (A) not less than the prior three years if such reindeer was  
23 imported from a state or province not known to have chronic wasting  
24 disease, or [(ii)] (B) not less than the prior five years if such reindeer  
25 was imported from a state or province known to have chronic wasting  
26 disease outbreaks.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	26-57a
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To allow for the year round possession of reindeer in Connecticut.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*